

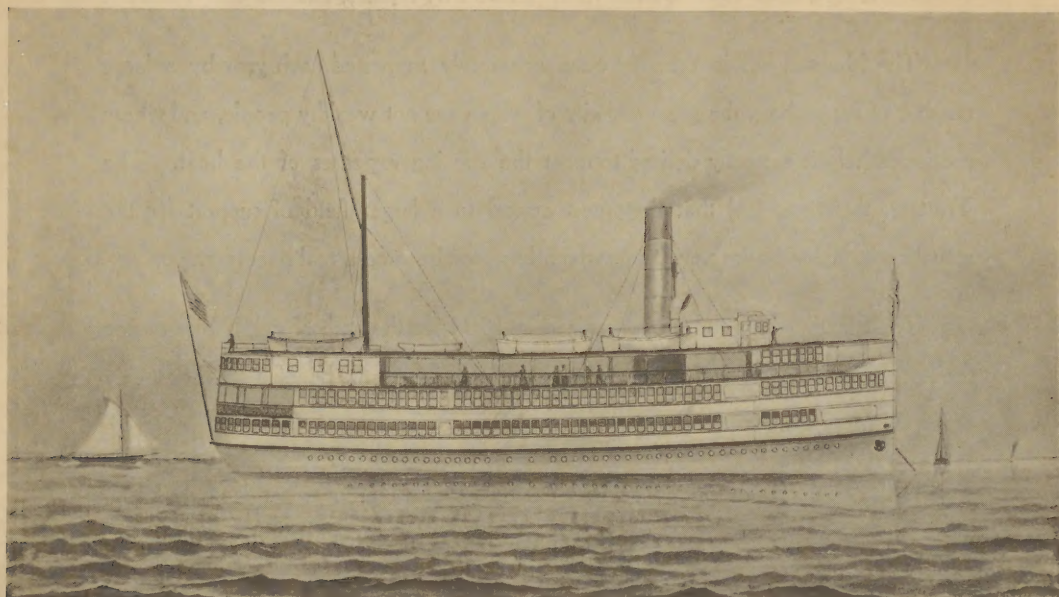
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THE NECESSITY FOR A NEW BOAT

It is estimated that the new boat, which should be self-propelling, will cost, fully equipped, \$95,000, which amount must be raised at once. It is being built at the Atlantic Works, East Boston, from designs made by Messrs. Burgess and Packard.

The Hospital has in the past been generously supported each year by a large number of subscribers, the great majority of whom are not wealthy people, and whose continued help is earnestly desired to meet the running expenses of the boat. The Trustees, therefore, feel that they must appeal to a larger field of support for the actual construction of the new boat, which has now become a real necessity.

The Floating Hospital was organized in 1894 for the care of sick babies during the hot summer months and for the purpose of giving them the benefits of a thoroughly equipped hospital in the fresh sea air.

In the beginning a boat that had been used for passenger service was hired, but, as the scope of the work increased, and interest in the undertaking was shown by the public, the corporation was able in 1897 to buy the vessel, and gradually equip it as a modern hospital.

In the first year 2,500 treatments were given. Last year 9,763 patients were cared for. A larger and larger number of patients are rejected each year because of a lack of accommodation.

Many cases regarded as hopeless by physicians and hospitals are received on the boat, and a large percentage of recoveries are recorded, the turn in the patients' condition being directly attributed to the instant response to highly trained service and constant treatment in the bracing sea air.

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THE NEW BOAT

THE HULL will be constructed of steel, divided into seven water-tight compartments, and the superstructure will be of wood. The length over all is one hundred and seventy-five feet, with a beam of forty-six and one-half feet.

THE LOWER DECK will contain the engine and boiler rooms and the ventilating and refrigerating apparatus. Forward of the engine-room will be a dining-room for the mothers and convalescent children.

THE MAIN DECK will have quarters for the preparation of the children's food, the clinical laboratory, the dining-room for house officers and nurses, and the executive rooms and offices.

THE HOSPITAL DECK is divided into six large wards, with room for one hundred permanent patients. The four central wards are for the sickest children, and it is intended that these wards shall be cooled and ventilated by an atmospheric plant, which proved invaluable on the old boat. There will be a ward forward for convalescents and an out-of-door ward astern. The operating-room is situated on this deck.

THE UPPER DECK is for day patients, and will accommodate two hundred children. There will be an examination and treatment room and abundant bath and toilet facilities. In the stern are quarters for the resident physician, house officers, and the visiting staff. The cut on the front page will give a general idea of the new boat.



A WARD IN THE OLD BOAT